

# Dragon, Serpent and Snake Names and their Meaning

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## UNISEX:

XIUHCOATL: Nahuatl unisex name meaning "fire serpent" or "weapon of destruction."

## MALE:

APALALA: Hindi myth name of a water dragon. Meaning unknown.

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ASKOOK: Native American Algonquin name meaning "snake."

ASTAROT: In demonology, this is the name of a Prince of Hell, meaning "leading one" or "the chief." He is depicted in the Dictionnaire Infernal as a nude man with dragon-like wings, hands and feet, a second pair of feathered wings, and a crown. He is holding a serpent in one hand while riding a wolf-like beast. Compare with feminine Astaroth.

ATTOR: Old English word meaning "gall; poison; venom." Variant: Ator.

CHUA: Native American Hopi name meaning "snake."

COATL: Nahuatl name meaning "snake."

DRACO: Latin form of Greek Drakon, meaning "dragon." Draco was the name of a 7th century scribe of Athens, Greece. It is also the name of a constellation. In Greek mythology, there are many dragons mentioned. For example, Drakon Ismenios was a gigantic serpent which guarded the sacred spring of Ismenos near Thebes; the Drakon Kholkikos was the guardian of the golden fleece; Drakon Maionios was a huge Dragon that ravaged the land of Lydia.

DRACUL: Romanian name meaning "devil" or "dragon."

DRAGO: Italian form of Latin Draco, meaning "dragon." Compare with another form of Drago.

DRAKE: English surname transferred to forename

use, having several possible origins: 1) from the byname Draca, meaning "snake" or "dragon." 2) from Middle English drake, meaning "male duck." 3) from Old Norse Draki, meaning "snake" or "monster."

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GLAURUNG: In Tolkien's Middle-Earth, this is the name of the wingless, fire-breathing, trickster dragon known as "The Deceiver" and "Father of Dragons." He was slain by Túrin.

HERENSUGE: In the Basque language, this is the word for "dragon."

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KNUCKER: Old English legend name of a kind of serpentine, winged water dragon that attack with venom or constriction, derived from the Anglo-Saxon word nicor, meaning "water monster."

LADON (Λαδων): Greek name of unknown meaning. In mythology, this is the name of a river god, and the name of a hundred-headed dragon who guarded the garden of the Hesperides. The Ladon was supposed to be a cleansing river.

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LONGWEI ( 龙威 ): Chinese name meaning "dragon greatness." This was the name of the first Chinese-built ironclad battleship later renamed Pingyuan.

NAGENDRA: Hindi name composed of Sanskrit naga "snake" and the name of the god Indra, hence "snake-Indra."

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NILAKANTA: Hindi name meaning "blue-throated." In mythology, this is a title belonging to the naga king Vasuki.

OPHIUCHUS ( ὄφιος χοῖς ): Greek name meaning "serpent bearer." This is the name of one of the constellations listed by Ptolemy, depicted as a man supporting a serpent. The man depicted in the constellation is thought by some to actually be the demigod Asclepius.

ORMARR: Old Norse name composed of the elements orm "serpent" and herr "army," hence "serpent army."

ORMR: Old Norse byname derived from the word ormr, meaning "dragon, serpent, snake."

OROCHI ( 龍吟 ): Japanese name meaning "big snake." In mythology, this is the name of an eight-forked serpent who demanded virgin sacrifices. He was killed by the god-hero Susanoo.

PACHUA: Native American Hopi name meaning "feathered water snake."

PENDRAGON: Celtic name meaning "chief dragon." In Arthurian legend, this is a title/name of several kings of the Britons, and King Arthur's father Uther Pendragon.

PYTHAGORAS (Πυθαγόρας): Greek name composed of the name Pythios "python" and the word agora "market," hence "python market."

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QUETZALCOATL: Aztec Nahuatl name meaning "feathered serpent." In mythology, this is the name of a god of the sky.

RYUU ( 龍 ): Japanese name meaning "dragon spirit."

SAMAEL ( סָמָאֵל ): In Jewish mythology, this is the name of an archangel, a fallen angel, the Angel of Death or Poison, the accuser, seducer, and destroyer famously known as The Grim Reaper. He is said to be both good and evil, having been one of the heavenly host. He rules over seven habitations called Sheba Hayechaloth, infernal realms of the Earth. The Talmud states: "the evil Spirit, Satan, and Sama'el the Angel of Death, are the same"; and Samael is also therein equated with the biblical serpent who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden. He is called the Prince of Darkness and chief of the Dragons of Evil and is held responsible for the scorching wind of the desert called the simoom. It is probably the Hebrew form of Syrian Shemal ("left"), but composed of 'el "god" and suwm "to create" or "to place, to set," hence "whom God makes." It is also sometimes rendered "venom of God." Also spelled Samil and Sammael.

SHESHA ( शेष ): Hindi myth name of a naga king of serpents, one of the primal beings of creation. The name was derived from the Sanskrit root shiṣ, meaning "that which remains."

TATSUO (1-たつお, 2-たつお, 3-たつお ): Japanese name meaning 1) "dragon man," 2) "far-reaching man," or 3) "imperial man."

TATSUYA (たつや): Japanese name meaning "dragon-assertive."

TEZCACOATL: Nahuatl name meaning "reflecting serpent; king."

URULÓKI: This is the name of a sub-species of wingless fire-breathing dragon, also known as the fire-drake. They appear in Tolkien's Middle-Earth and were probably sired by Glaurung. A single Urulóki is called an Uruloké.

UTHER: In Arthurian legend, Uther Pendragon ("Uther, chief dragon") was the youngest son of

King Constantine and father of King Arthur. The name may be a variant form of Arthur, possibly meaning "bear-man."

**VASUKI:** Hindi myth name of a naga (serpent) of Hindu mythology. He is a king who has a gem on his head.

**VELES** (Велесъ): Variant form of Slavic Volos, meaning "ox." In mythology, this is the name of a god of the earth, underworld, dragons, cattle, magic and trickery. He is an enemy of Perun and is described as being horned and serpentine.

**VIPER:** From the vocabulary word, meaning "serpent, snake," itself composed of the Latin elements *vivus* "alive, living" and *parere* "to bear, to bring forth."

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**VRITRA:** Hindi myth name of a dragon or serpent, the personification of drought and enemy of Indra, meaning "the enveloper."

## FEMALE:

**ADALINDA:** Old High German name composed of the elements *adal* "noble" and *lind* "serpent, snake," hence "noble serpent."

**ADELIND:** Abbreviated form of Old High German *Adelinda*, meaning "noble serpent."

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**ÆTHELINDA:** Anglo-Saxon name composed of the Old English elements *æðel* "noble" and *lind* "serpent, dragon," hence "noble serpent."

**AMELINDA:** Old German name composed of the elements *amal* "work" and *lint* "serpent, snake," or *lind* "soft, weak," hence either "work serpent" or "weak worker."

**ANNABELINDA:** English compound name composed of Latin *Anna* "favor; grace," and German *Belinda*, "beautiful serpent," hence "gracious beautiful serpent."

**BELINDA:** Possibly a contracted form of Old High German *Betlinde*, meaning "bright serpent" or

"bright linden tree."

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**BINDY:** English pet form of German *Belinda*, possibly meaning "bright serpent" or "bright linden tree."

**CHUMANA:** Native American Hopi name meaning "snake maiden."

**CHUSI:** Native American Hopi name meaning "snake flower."

**COAXOCH:** Nahuatl name meaning "serpent flower."

**DALINDA:** Variant spelling of English *Delinda*, meaning "noble serpent."

**DELINDA:** English name derived from German *Adelinda*, meaning "noble serpent."

**ETHELINDA:** Middle English form of Anglo-Saxon *Æthelinda*, meaning "noble serpent."

**HYDRA** (Ὑδρα): Greek name derived from the word *hydor*, meaning "water." In mythology, this is the name of a many-headed water dragon killed by Hercules.

**LINDA:** English name probably derived from Germanic *lindi*, meaning "serpent." In some cases, it may have been derived from the Spanish word for "pretty."

**LINDY:** Pet form of English *Linda*, meaning "serpent."

**LINNIE:** Pet form of English *Linda*, meaning "serpent."

**LYNDA:** Variant spelling of English *Linda*, meaning "serpent."

**LYNDI:** Pet form of English *Lynda*, meaning "serpent."

**MALINDA:** Variant spelling of English *Melinda*, meaning either "black/dark serpent" or "sweet serpent."

**MEDOUSA** (Μέδουσα): Greek name meaning "guardian." In mythology, this is the name of one of the three Gorgons who had snakes for hair, and whose glance turned anyone who looked at them to stone. She was the only Gorgon who was mortal.

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MELINDA: Modern English compound name composed of Mel- (from Melissa ("sweet") or Melanie ("black, dark") and Linda "serpent," hence "black/dark serpent" or "sweet serpent."

MELUSINE: German legend name of a fresh-water spirit believed to reside in sacred springs and rivers, meaning either "wonder" or "sea-fog." Melusine is depicted as being like a fish or serpent from the waist down.

MINDY: Pet form of English Melinda, meaning "black/dark serpent" or "sweet serpent."

SHUMAN: Native American Hopi name meaning "rattlesnake handler."

TANIS (Távıç): Greek form of Phoenician Tanith, possibly meaning "serpent lady. In Egyptian her name means "land of Neith."

TANIT: Phoenician myth name of a goddess of love, the moon and the stars, possibly meaning "serpent lady. In Egyptian her name means "land of Neith."

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TIAMAT: Babylonian name composed of the Sumerian elements ti "life," and ama "mother," hence "mother of life." In mythology, this is the name of a primeval sea dragon goddess, the embodiment of Chaos, and mother of the first gods.